RESOURCE CONSERVATION WORKSHOP

MEMORANDUM

To: Students Attending the 2015 Resource Conservation Workshop

From: Pat Harris, Director

Division of Soil & Water Conservation

Date: April 1, 2015

RE: 2015 RESOURCE CONSERVATION WORKSHOP

Congratulations on being selected by your Soil and Water Conservation District to attend the 2015 Resource Conservation Workshop. Your selection to represent your District is based on your accomplishments or your interest in natural resources and their careful management.

The workshop will be held on the campus of North Carolina State University in Raleigh, June 21 – June 26, 2015. Student registration will be in Bragaw Residence Hall on Sunday, June 21, between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. You should plan to register at this time.

All students will be housed in Bragaw Residence Hall. All rooms in this building are air-conditioned. You will receive bed linens (2 sheets, a pillow case, and a blanket) and two towels and 1 wash cloth during registration. These items must be returned when you check out on Friday. If you prefer, you may bring your own linens (for a single bed), a pillow and/or extra towels. There should be a dorm refrigerator and microwave in each room.

A fact sheet is enclosed and a campus map is available online at http://maps.ncsu.edu/#/; these materials should give you complete information for planning a successful week. Please acquaint yourself with all of this information before you arrive in Raleigh.

We hope this will be a memorable experience for you. Your District and the organizers of this workshop have planned to make this a <u>unique conservation learning experience</u>. Your interest and active participation will make this a time to enjoy and learn about natural resources for your future!

cc: Local Soil & Water District Office

Regional Coordinators

Enclosures

2015 RESOURCE CONSERVATION WORKSHOP

DATES: June 21 - June 26, 2015

REGISTRATION: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Sunday, June 21, 2015

PLACE:

Bragaw Residence Hall, Lounge, NC State University, 210 Dan Allen Drive, Raleigh

HOUSING

All Students will be housed in Bragaw Residence Hall. This residence hall is located in NCSU's central campus.

MEALS

Numerous eating facilities are available in the vicinity (within walking distance) of this residence hall. Two lunches will be pre-arranged as part of field trips. Students will need to make food selections and pay (\$15.00) for those two meals when they check in on Sunday afternoon.

COUNSELORS

Adult counselors will be provided on a ratio of one counselor for every 7-8 students.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

In case of emergency, please call 919.515.2261 between 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. After 5:00 p.m. call Campus Public Safety at 919.515.3333.

INSURANCE

Students will be fully covered (except for pre-existing conditions) on and off campus throughout the duration of the workshop. Coverage includes up to \$2,500 accidental and \$500 sickness. Medical services may be provided at the University Infirmary or other health care facilities.

COSTS

The cost of the workshop is \$375. This includes room, linens, instructional supplies, insurance, and the Friday Award Presentation for the student. Your Soil and Water Conservation District has paid this fee on your behalf. In addition, you will need approximately \$80 to \$100 to cover the cost of 11 other meals. Your District may provide this money directly to you <u>prior</u> to the workshop.

CLOTHING

<u>FIELD TRIPS</u>: There will be activities in the field Monday through Thursday. There will be a considerable amount of walking and outdoor exposure, so you should bring a cap or

hat, full-length jeans, comfortable closed-toe shoes, socks long enough to go over pant legs (to protect you from ticks), and sunscreen, etc. to protect you from sunburn. You may also want to bring insect repellent.

FRIDAY A.M: Exam, Award Luncheon: Casual clothing

<u>RECREATION</u>: Basketball, volleyball, swimming, etc. If you wish to participate, bring appropriate clothing. Students may bring basketballs, footballs, frisbees, etc. for afterhours recreation.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Sunday - registration, orientation and cook-out Monday - classes and field trips, student orientation Tuesday - classes, field trips, and swimming/cookout Wednesday - classes, field trips, and college orientation Thursday - classes, field trips, pizza party Friday - examination, awards luncheon

SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED

Soil Characteristics and Soil Conservation Wildlife & Fisheries Management Forest Management, Air Quality Nonagricultural Uses for Soils Water Quality & Watershed Management

AWARDS

An examination will be given on Friday. Those attaining the highest scores will receive the following awards at the luncheon on Friday.

Examination 1st Place - \$100.00 in cash plus a \$500 scholarship*

2nd Place - \$100.00 in cash plus a \$275 scholarship*

3rd Place - \$100.00 in cash 4th Place - \$75.00 in cash 5th Place - \$50.00 in cash

Grady Lane Scholarship (\$500*) plus \$100 in cash based on student achievement, counselor recommendation, and interviews.

NC District Employees Association Scholarship (\$1,000*) based on student achievement, counselor recommendation and interviews.

*Received when student enrolls in college *Must be claimed within 5 years of award.